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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID.

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLE, AND PORT OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA.

ALSO

LONDON, KAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd December, 1891, at Noon, the Company's Steamship NATAL, Commanded by Captain T. H. BROWN, will leave this Port for the above place.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal ports of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be taken until

Chargé will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 1st December, 1891. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 19, 1891. 2160

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAYS ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Empress of India Tuesday 1st Dec.

Empress of Japan Tuesday 8th Jan.

Empress of China Tuesday 1st Feb.

The R. M. S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA," 5,000 tons, Captain O. P. MARSHALL, R. N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 8th December, with Her Majesty's Mail, will proceed to VANCOUVER, MELVILLE ISLAND, SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

(In Mexican Dollars). From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO PREPARED RETURN

12 12 Mac Mac

Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, B.C. .... 225 338 304

Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash. .... 275 413 432

Portland, Ore., San Fran-

Banff, Jasper, Alta. .... 255 383 487

Winnipeg, Man. .... 275 428 499

Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minn. .... 285 428 499

Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo. .... 205 443 517

Milwaukee, Wis. .... 205 443 517

Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O. .... 305 458 534

Toronto, Ont. .... 305 458 534

Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y. .... 320 670 650

Kingston, Ont., Montreal, Quebec, Que. .... 320 670 650

New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y. .... 320 670 650

Baltimore, Md., Philadel-

phia, Pittsburg, Pa. .... 310 465 543

Washington D.C., Boston, Mass., Portland Me., Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B. .... 310 465 543

Liverpool, Liverpool via

Paris via Liverpool and London. .... 340 535 600

Havre, via Liverpool. .... 340 535 600

Bremen, Hamburg. .... 340 535 600

not

2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steamer Fare and Rates to other places, quoted application.

The Steamers call at Victoria to land and embark Passengers.

2nd Class.—Ticket limit for prepaid return ticket is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at Vancouver.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid return ticket to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:

4 months ..... \$337.50

12 months ..... \$335.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passenger, who have paid their fare, or their agent, will be allowed a discount of 10% from Return Fare. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Canada and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the Consul to the care of D. C. Brown, Agent General, Freight and Passenger, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B.C.

Parcels must be sent to our office with address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 11, 1891. 2124

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would

preferably send the SKYLINE of the

COLLEGE by forwarding to the Asian

Medical Hospital.

(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes).

(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to

JOHN C. THOMSON,

Hon. Secy. to the College.

Hongkong, February 25, 1891.

Hongkong, November 25, 1891. 1201

## Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £2,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL £580,000.

## Business Notices.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

## PIANO AND MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

### SECOND HAND PIANOS.

Cottage Piano, by Haake.....	\$200	Pianettes, by Craven.....	\$ 50
do. do. " Octeman.....	300	do. ".....	60
do. do. ".....	350	do. ".....	150
do. do. ".....	350	do. ".....	200
Pianino, by Broadwood.....	250	do. ".....	200
Cottage Grand, do. ".....	650	do. ".....	200
do. ".....	650	do. ".....	250
do. ".....	700	Upright Grand, by Chappell.....	275
do. ".....	700	Semi-Grand, by Broadwood.....	200
do. ".....	700	do. ".....	300
do. ".....	700	do. ".....	400
do. ".....	700	All Second Hand Pianos are in a thorough state of repair, and guaranteed suitable for	
do. ".....	700	any purpose. All Iron Frames—Solid cases, etc.	
do. ".....	700	Guaranteed suitable for the climate.	

ANY PIANO FROM THE ABOVE LIST MAY BE PURCHASED ON THE MONTHLY PAYMENT SYSTEM.

## DÖRNER PIANOS.

We have undertaken the SOLE AGENCY for the Pianos of this Celebrated German Manufacturer and have received the First Consignment. Inspection by the Musical Public is cordially invited. Prices range from \$300 upwards.

## MONTHLY PAYMENTS—MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

## PIANOS ON CREDIT—PIANOS TUNED & PAIRED.

## FINE STOCK OF NEW MUSIC.

## LARGE STOCK OF MUSICAL VOLUMES SUITABLE FOR XMAS GIFTS.

## NEW STOCK OF CORNETS, SAXHORN, EUPHONIUMS, CLARINETTS, ETC.

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Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1362

## HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1615

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT of Bonus for the Year 1890.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to furnish the undersigned with List of their Contracts for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS reserved for Contributions may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th DAY of NOVEMBER next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alternatives will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, October 31, 1891. 2067

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 percent per annum on the daily balance up to \$400,000.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 6 months 3% per annum.

12 " 4% " up to \$200,000.

12 " 4% " in excess of \$200,000.

HONGKONG—INTEREST CHARGED.

5% on LOANS against Shares with full margin.

6% on Advances against Goods in neutral godowns.

7% on Current Account Overdrafts.

7% on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1571

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,000,000.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

D. GILLIES, Esq. CHOW TUNG SHAN.

CHAN KIN SHIN, Esq. E.

C. V. HIBBERT, Esq. W. W. WOTTON, Esq.

A. B. MORRAN, Acting Chief Manager.

Advisory Committee in London, THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq., Messrs Dent, Palmer & Co.

JOHN BUTTERY, Esq., Messrs John Butterly & Co.

C. B. STUART WORTLEY, Esq., M.P. for Hallam.

# THE CHINA MAIL

No. 9000.—NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S DEMERIT LOAN OF 1886.**

### 24th INTEREST.

INTEREST DUE ON BONDS OF THIS LOAN WILL BE PAYABLE AT THE OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG & SINGAPORE BANKING CORPORATION ON AND AFTER THE 1st DECEMBER, 1891.

FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
F. DE BOVIS,  
*Chief Manager.*

Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2227

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,  
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship *Finsbury*, Captain Duxen, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd of December, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, OARLILL & CO.,  
*Agents.*

Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2163

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR SHANGHAI.  
The Steamship *Glenyley*, Captain Gasson, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd Prox., at Noon. This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
*Agents.*

Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2224

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.  
The Co.'s Steamship *Chelmsford*, Captain Cass, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 3rd Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
*General Managers.*

Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2220

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Steamship *Ysabel*, Capt. Garforth, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 3rd Prox., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
*Agents.*

Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2221

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *Pennsylvanian*, Captain A. C. Logan, will have quick despatch for the above Port after her arrival here with the outward Mail.

E. A. HEWITT,  
*for Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2229

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIZ NAGASAKI AND KOBE.  
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *Vera*, Captain F. H. Seymour, will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 11th December, at Noon.

E. A. HEWITT,  
*for Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2228

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;

ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bill of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENTINUAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *Rosetta*, Captain C. Gandy, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, 10th December, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Fares and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Bill and Valuates for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed to Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than the ordinary direct route via Colombo. The Mail will be sent either via Bombay or Colombo according to arrangement.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to the PENTINUAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSELLA.

E. A. HEWITT,  
*for Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2230

## To-day's Advertisements.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

### WEDNESDAY,

the 2nd day of December, 1891, at 3 p.m. at his Sales Room, Queen's Road,—

### Re T. Kerr, *Bankrupt*,

THE STEAM LAUNCH *LIZZIE*,

now lying at CAUSEWAY BAY;

### AND

(Under Writ of Execution),

THE STEAM LAUNCH *KATE*,

now lying at YAU-MATEE.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery. Said Launches to be Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
*Auctioneer.*

Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2218

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. R. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

### MONDAY,

the 14th day of December, 1891,—

THE FOLLOWING

V A L U A B L E  
L E A S E H O L D H O U S E S ,

being Nos. 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29, ELGIN

STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, and situated

on Subdivision 1 and The Remaining

Portion of Section A of INLAND LOT

No. 120, as the same Premises are held

for the residue of a period of 99 years,

from the 25th June, 1849, subject to the

payment of the proportion of the year's

Crown Rent, and the Performance of the

Crown Covenants to be performed in

respect thereof, and subject also to the

existing Leases, Lettings and Tenancies

thereof.

The HOUSES will be SOLD in One Lot

or Separate Lots at the option of the

Vendor.

The Vendors will be left the Purchase Money remain with a reasonable

margin on Mortgage of the premises sold

with Interest at the rate of 1% per annum.

For Sale Plan, Conditions of Sale and

further Particulars, apply to

MESSRS. WOTTON & DEAGON,

Solicitors for the Vendors;

MESSRS. PALMER & TURNER,

Architects;

or to

M. J. M. ARMSTRONG,

*Auctioneer.*

Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2217

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *PREUSSEN*,

FROM BREMEN AND PORTS

OF CALL.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

OPTIONAL CARGO will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-DAY, the 29th Instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th December will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 3rd December, at 4 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 4th December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, November 29, 1891. 2219

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenyley*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

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Agents.

Hongkong, November 29, 1891. 2223

SCOTCH WHISKY.

WHITE CASKS, F.O.S.—A Blend of the

Finest Whiskies produced in Scotland,

matured in Sherry Casks for 7 years before bottling.

—Per doz., \$10.00. Bottle, \$1.00.

GOLD CASKS—Heavier Blend—A Fine Blend with a decided Peat Taste, entirely free from Fuel Oil, 5 years old before bottling.

—Per doz., \$7.00. Bottle, 60 cts.

22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

HONGKONG.

LONDON—AMOY.

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## Business Notices.

NEW MATERIALS FOR TRADING OR LIVING.

ARTISTIC COSTUMES FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN.

DESIGNS FOR DRESSES OR APPLICATION.

Winter Mantles, JACKETS, MILLINERY, Hosiery.

WOOLLEN GOODS for Children, A Speciality.

HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD., Practical Dressmakers, Milliners & Costumiers.

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To-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA PRERECTORY.

REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRERECTORY will be held on FRIDAY, the 4th December, at 8.30 a.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, November 30, 1891. 2226

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Ch*

# THE CHINA MAIL

No. 6000.—NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Fleming (Sir) Offered Administering the present building and the admissibility of having a prison elsewhere. The report of that committee would have been difficult to put into print, because it was an informal one. This reported that the cost of alterations in the present site was estimated at \$120,000, the alternative at \$140,000, the latter at \$83,000; but the majority of the committee were of opinion that it was open to objection with regard to the provision made for the lodging of the gaol staff, and the erection of a new block of buildings was regarded as the only feasible course, it being considered that the value of the present site would go far towards covering the expense of the new buildings. A report on the subject was made by the Surveyor General, who sent a despatch from the Secretary of State, having received the despatch of Mr. Fleming and considered the same on both sides, wrote on the 21st November's despatch in reply, which has been laid on the table, showing that he was entirely in favour of a new prison as distinguished from the extension of the present one on its own ground. That decision was accepted by Sir William Des Vœux, who, by his previous letter on the subject had shown himself very anxious to avoid putting the colony to the great expense of a new gaol if it could be avoided. In his despatch in reply to the Secretary of State Sir William Des Vœux said, "His Lordship's instructions have been communicated to the Surveyor General, who was preparing detailed plans and estimates for the building of the new gaol. In reply to that his Excellency had received a despatch from the Secretary of State addressed to Sir William Des Vœux, dated 27th May, requesting him to call upon the Surveyor General to see no time in furnishing plans and estimates for the new prison." At the same time before that Sir William Des Vœux had conveyed those instructions to the Surveyor General, and had instructed him to select a site. The Surveyor General, who had previously expressed his entire concurrence in the selection of the Bonham Road site many years ago, agreed to him (Major-General Barker), who was preparing detailed plans and estimates for the building of the new gaol.

His Excellency, continuing, said:—"That was written a few months after, and describes in a few words the tenor of his despatch. The answer of the Secretary of State has been laid on the table, so I bring the whole question to a focus. I will read two or three extracts here. 3.—The objections, however, to enlarging the present gaol, to some of which Mr Brown can add, seem on full consideration to be insuperable. The two evils which it is wished to remedy, viz., over-crowding and association, would still continue. For the crowding of prisoners in this building would be substituted a crowding of buildings on the site; outbuildings of low elevation, which do not clear, would be pulled down, and the area thus cleared, with a still larger space, would be filled by a large three-story block, blocking out all light and air and absorbing the space used for exercising yards, workshops, and other essentials—the present one consisting of a number of large blocks separated by alleys—from 20 to 25 feet wide. Again a large number of the prisoners would still be kept in associated wards, and it is considered that separation would be especially effective in the case of Chinese, an arrangement which after considerable expenditure would still fail in great measure to secure this object cannot be considered satisfactory.

9.—I will only add in conclusion that I rely on you to press this matter forward without delay, to have sufficiently commented on the former despatches on the matter which has been advanced from time to time, and I earnestly trust that the suggestions now made will be recognized as reasonable and will meet with my further opposition in the colony—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

KNUTSFORD.

Sir William Des Vœux accepted that decision as final, and as far as I was concerned there was no question of alternative whether the old gaol should be extended or a new gaol built. All that the committee was asked to do was merely to state whether the site selected 10 years ago was quite suitable or whether there was another more suitable. I have answered this question at very great length because I think it might possibly clear the way and save perhaps further discussion in our after proceedings to-day.

Mr. Whitehead.—I think the Council is much obliged to you for your frankness in explaining what you have made. The remarks you have made under a heading of "KNUTSFORD" are quite correct. He (Major-General Barker) was of opinion that although the site mentioned was an excellent one, as regards health it was not so suitable as it was when it was selected nine years ago. Circumstances had altered since 1882, and the residential part of the town had extended in the direction, so that now instead of being away from the buildings of the colony it was actually amongst them. Besides, it had become a very valuable site, and it seemed a pity to throw it away upon a gaol. He thought the Causeway Bay site was more suitable. He had heard it stated that Causeway Bay was very unhealthy. The proposal to end the military outposts there seemed to point to a different conclusion. Not only on account of the proposal to put the gaol there, but for the benefit of the colony generally he thought it well to have the position thoroughly investigated and set at rest. He therefore, in applying to the committee, asked them to direct their attention to the site selected, and if they had any objection to the site, to direct their attention to the Causeway Bay site, ascertain whether its state was sanitary as it was to be.

The committee made a report objecting to Causeway Bay chiefly on sanitary grounds. He then called for further reports, one from Mr. McCallum, Sanitary Superintendent, and another from the resident engineer, to ascertain what ground there was for giving this bad name to Causeway Bay, and if there was any ground for the objection whether it could not be removed. The committee had not yet made any report, but he was not satisfied with the result; he thought still better sites than the Bonham Road one could be selected, taking all the circumstances into account. With regard to the character of the question, he might mention that he had since been considering whether the Gaol should be continued in the same place as the Secretary of State's instructions were to be carried out.

It is only reasonable that the public should be informed, in fact the ratepayers have a right to know, how the money is being expended. The Committee had not had an opportunity of examining the Bill, and he therefore asked the Government to take a proper course for the Government to take.

EXCISE OFFICES.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, in answer to a question put by Mr. Whitehead some weeks ago, said that a list of excise officers was put before the Magistrate and could be consulted by anybody. He also had a list given him, and another from the resident engineer, to ascertain what ground there was for giving this bad name to Causeway Bay, and if there was any ground for the objection whether it could not be removed.

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P. W. D. REPORTS.

Mr. Whitehead rose to move the following resolution:—That the Government lay upon the table at the first meeting of Council or as soon thereafter as possible, in each quarter, a report showing particulars of progress of the Public Works during the previous quarter, in the form made use of by the Government in the sessional paper relating to the New Central Market, Civil Hospital and Staff Quarters, &c., laid on the Council Table on 30th October last.

The Acting Colonial Secretary said the report was to be carried out in the same manner as the Finance Committee.

Mr. Whitehead.—I am sorry to say that the Finance Committee did not seem to think it to be sufficient reason for objecting to the site. On going through correspondence on the subject, he found that the Secretary of State wrote to the Governor informing him that it could no longer be considered as a suitable site. From that time it had never been so considered.

Now that the services had been arranged and the cost part was well ascertained, he thought they ought to have a separate block for the civil service.

The government were to report upon the papers asked for when the reports of recent commissioners were received.

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

NO. 2000, NOVEMBER 20, 1891.

## THE ALLEGED LIBEL AGAINST A SHANGHAI MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

The Dr. Jameson v. Graham libel case was concluded in Shanghai on the 24th inst. The Jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

His Lordship—There will be judgment for the defendant with costs.

Mr. Wilkinson asked that costs should not be given against the plaintiff on the ground that a great deal of time had been set up in answer that had been abandoned at the trial, that defendant could have taken out a defense, and if he had been successful, that would have obviated the expense of the trial.

Mr. Wainwright said he had abandoned nothing, whatever, and from the very beginning he had charged the plaintiff with nothing. He knew that because a defendant had not taken out a demurser he was to be saddled with the costs of the suit. Without letting the case go for trial, it was impossible for the defendant to know that evidence would not be brought to show that the words were used in a defamatory sense.

His Lordship said that although he had a feeling about the matter, he had no doubt; and he was afraid to give costs against the plaintiff. He realized that Mr. Wainwright pointed out—that there were questions which must be settled by a jury, and that the case could not be stopped.

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anxious, whatever, there were certain portions of the answer which were injudicious, such, for instance, as mentioning the second case.

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